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PREFACE

This publication is a statistical supplement to the Annual Report of the Department of Hospitals and Medical Care, covering the fiscal year ended March 31, 1986. It contains supplementary statistical data concerning the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

Included in this volume are statistics relating to health care services which were paid by Alberta Health Care, on behalf of registered residents of Alberta, during the 1985-86 fiscal year. Wherever possible, statistics for previous years are shown for comparisons to be made.

Financial Statements for the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan are contained in the Department's Annual Report.

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Highlights

Alberta residents registered under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan are entitled to specified benefits for Basic Health Services at approved rates. Alberta Health Care also provides premium-free Alberta Blue Cross benefits and Extended Health Benefits for residents aged 65 and older and for their spouses and dependants, as well as for widows and widowers aged 55 to 64 years receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants. Coverage for Alberta Blue Cross benefits on an individual (non-group) basis is also available through Alberta Health Care at reduced rates to residents who are unable to obtain Blue Cross coverage through an employer.

The following section contains some highlights concerning the coverage and payments for benefits under the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan during the twelve month period from April 1, 1985 to March 31, 1986:

REGISTRATION

Basic Health Services

- During the year, the number of persons entitled to Basic Health Services increased 1.81% to 2,443,244 and the number of registrations increased 2.84% to 1,107,481.
- The number of registrants receiving coverage at reduced premium rates grew by 8.94% to 124,427 as follows:

	Registrations March 31, 1986	Registrations March 31, 1985
Complete Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	115,071	104,785
Partial Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	9,356	9,431
Total Subsidized Registrants	124,427	114,216

- The number of registrants in the 65 years of age and older group, who were exempted from premium payment, increased 3.83% to 154,981 and the number of persons covered increased 3.67% to 227,940.
- The number of registrants with Alberta Widows' Pension coverage increased by 8.85% to 3,616 and the number of persons covered increased by 6.98% to 4,156. This group received premium-free coverage.
- The number of registrants in the social allowance recipient group, who received premium-free coverage, increased by 9.29% to 58,895 and the number of persons covered increased 4.23% to 124,312 (these figures also include inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres, and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from premium payments).
- The number of registrants who did not qualify for the 100% subsidy or social allowance, yet were granted waiver of premium due to current financial difficulties, rose by 427.10%, from 2,288 registrations in 1984-85 to 12,060 registrations in 1985-86.
- The number of registrants who chose to opt out of Alberta Health Care decreased by 9.40% from 117 at March 31, 1985 to 106 at March 31, 1986. This involved 322 persons who were responsible for paying for their own health services.

Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership

- The number of registrants with Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage increased by 2.95% to 244,017 and the number of persons covered increased by 2.05% to 445,917.
- The number of registrants paying regular premiums dropped by 0.89% to 59,801 and the number of persons covered fell by 1.53% to 152,962.
- The number of registrants receiving coverage at reduced premium rates rose by 6.27% to 25,619 and the number of persons covered increased by 5.17% to 60,859.
- The number of registrants who received premium-free coverage under the 65 years of age and older group and Widows' Pension group increased by 3.94% to 158,597 and the number of persons increased by 3.73% to 232,096.

PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS

Basic Health Services

- Total payments for Basic Health Services (provided in and outside of Alberta) increased by 9.50% to $615,777,690 from $562,347,934 in 1984-85. Included were fee-for-service payments as well as payments in respect of medical practitioners on salary, sessional and contract arrangements.
- Fee-for-service payments for Basic Health Services (provided in and outside of Alberta) and their percentage changes over the previous year were:

Medical	$549,893,936 a	9.11% increase
Oral Surgery	$ 13,840,547 a	32.11% increase
Chiropractic	$ 21,653,208 a	3.31% increase
Optometry	$ 9,141,383 a	3.24% increase
Podiatry	$ 2,938,545 a	0.87% increase
Physical Therapy	$ 15,019,140 a	24.22% increase
Total	$612,486,759 a	9.51% increase

- The number of Alberta practitioners who received payments during the year and the percentage changes from the previous year were:

Physicians	3,554 a	5.99% increase
Dental Surgeons	958 a	7.16% increase
Chiropractors	323 a	4.87% increase
Optometrists	213 a	5.45% increase
Podiatrists	18	no change
Physical Therapists	355 a	37.60% increase
Total	5,421 a	7.71% increase

- The average fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners and the percentage changes over the previous year were:

Physicians	$151,952 a	2.66%	increase
Dental Surgeons	$ 14,421 a	23.29%	increase
Chiropractors	$ 66,544 a	1.69%	decrease
Optometrists	$ 42,729 a	2.20%	decrease
Podiatrists	$162,536 a	0.67%	increase
Physical Therapists	$ 42,087 a	9.88%	decrease

- Increases in the number of Alberta physicians were registered in all of the specialty groups. The number of physicians and the changes over the previous year were:

General Practitioners	2,040 a	6.19%	increase of 119
Medical Specialists	792 a	7.46%	increase of 55
Surgical Specialists	543 a	2.65%	increase of 14
Laboratory Specialists	179 a	7.83%	increase of 13
All Practitioners	3,554 a	5.99%	increase of 201

- Average fee-for-service payments to Alberta physicians and the percentage changes over the previous year were:

General Practitioners	$115,403 a	0.41%	decrease
Medical Specialists	$116,202 a	1.93%	increase
Surgical Specialists	$184,081 a	9.63%	increase
Laboratory Specialists	$629,195 a	3.59%	increase
All Practitioners	$151,952 a	2.66%	increase

- Among medical and surgical specialists in Alberta, the five specialities with the highest average fee-for-service payments were:

  Dermatologists ($328,560), Ophthalmologist ($238,305), Rhino-Otolaryngologists ($237,799), Thoracic Surgeons ($234,843) and Plastic Surgeons ($204,521).

- The number of medical services per Alberta physician increased to 7,097 from 6,982 in 1984-85, a growth of 1.65%. On the other hand, the number of discrete patients per practitioner dropped by 3.07%, from 619 in 1984-85 to 600 in 1985-86.

- Visit services accounted for nearly one half of the total fee-for-service payments to Alberta physicians in 1985-86 (47.75%). Approximately one quarter (25.88%) of the total payment was for pathology, radiology and other diagnostic related services (15.88%, 4.25% and 5.75%, respectively).

- The number of medical services (provided in and outside of Alberta) per 1,000 insured persons rose by 6.02% to 10,463. Increases were registered for every type of service, ranging from 2.26% for radiology services to 21.59% for special visits (includes routine, emergency and other home visits). Following special visits were major surgery (18.92%), obstetrical services (13.64%), anaesthesia (11.18%), minor surgery (10.53%) and pathology services (7.86%). Office visits and consultations had increases of 4.77% and 4.18%, respectively.

- The number of persons who received at least one medical service increased by 2.80% to 2,133,476 in 1985-86 from 2,075,464 in 1984-85.

- Of the 2,133,476 discrete patients who received at least one medical service during 1985-86, 38.60% received not more than $100.00 in services. Another 23.19% received more than $100.00 but not more than $200.00, while 19.88% received over $200.00 but not more than $400.00. The remaining 18.33% received more than $400.00 in services. This group of patients accounted for nearly 60% of the total fee-for-service payment in 1985-86.

- The cost per discrete patient (including services provided in and outside of Alberta) for Basic Health Services and the percentage changes from the previous year were:

Medical	$257.75 a	6.14%	increase
Oral Surgery	$399.84 a	4.31%	increase
Chiropractic	$ 86.87 a	0.20%	increase
Optometry	$ 24.47		no change
Podiatric	$ 72.31 a	2.27%	decrease
Physical Therapy	$145.17 a	1.33%	increase
Total	$276.91 a	6.86%	increase

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

- The total number of registered persons covered under the Extended Health Benefits (EHB) Program increased by 3.73% to 232,096. Nearly 48% of the covered population received at least one EHB service during the year, up from 44.09% in 1984-85.

- Fee-for-Service payments for Extended Health Benefits (provided in and outside Alberta) increased by 20.64% to $30,582,639 from $25,349,644 in 1984-85. The payments and the percentage changes from the previous year were:

Dentists	$18,863,330 a	21.31% increase
Denturists	$ 6,753,063 a	23.04% increase
Optometrists	$ 2,470,642 a	14.57% increase
Ophthalmic Dispensers	$ 2,495,604 a	15.81% increase

- The number of discrete patients for each EHB discipline (with the percentage increase from the previous year in parenthesis) were: Dentists — 66,303 (14.29%), Denturists — 19,013 (17.56%), Optometrists — 23,661 (10.21%) and Ophthalmic Dispensers — 24,417 (12.99%).

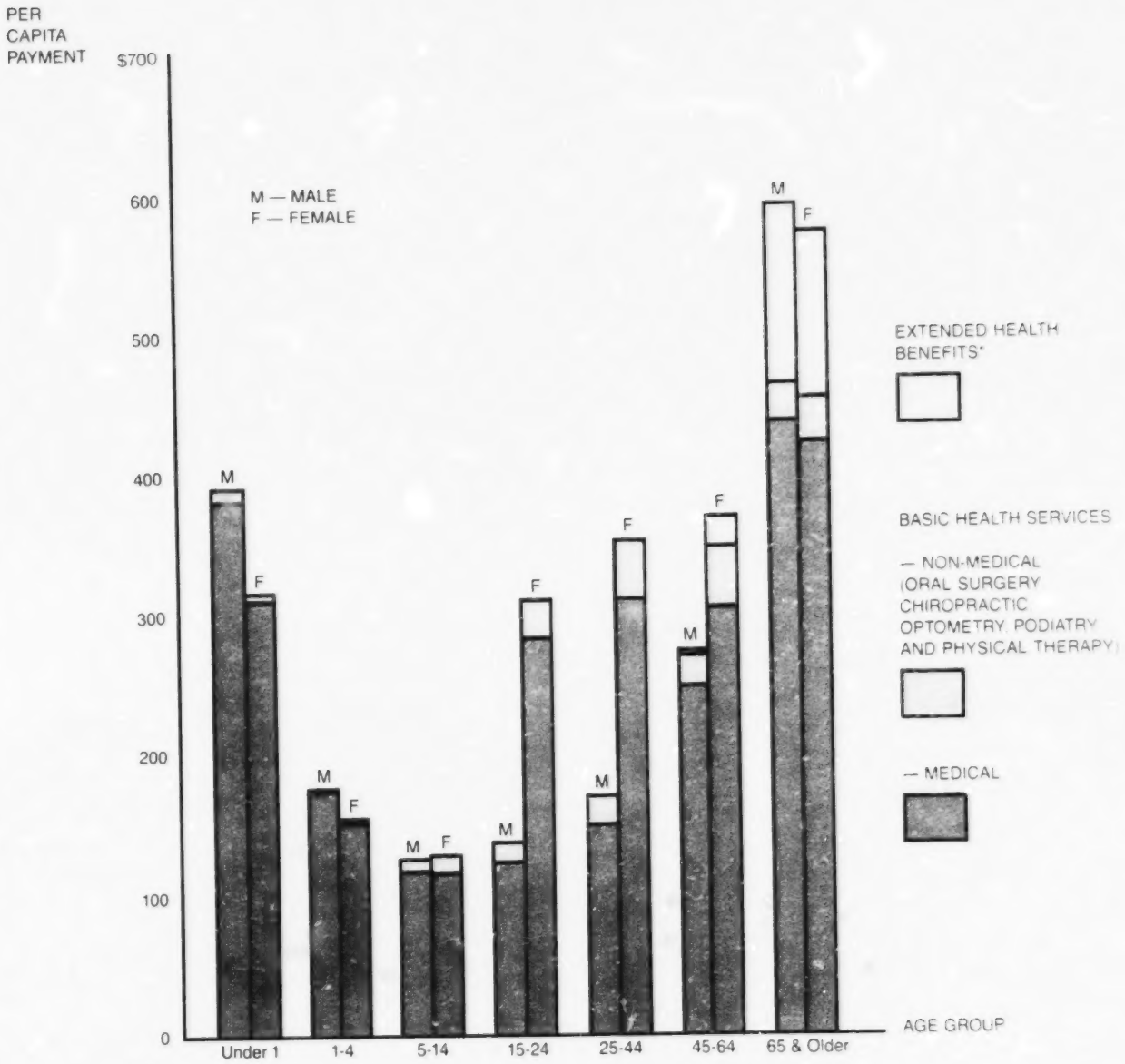
- The cost per discrete patient (including services provided in and outside Alberta) and the percentage changes from the prior year were:

Dentists	$284.50 a	6.14% increase
Dental Mechanics	$355.18 a	4.66% increase
Optometrists	$104.42 a	3.96% increase
Ophthalmic Dispensers	$102.21 a	2.50% increase
Total	$275.51 a	7.23% increase

NOTE: The payment data which appear in these highlights and in the statistical tables which follow are compiled on a date-of-payment basis. The Financial Statements of the Health Care Insurance Fund, which appear in the Departmental Annual Report, show expenditures on a date-of-service basis.

FIGURE 1

DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE PAYMENTS PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES AND EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS BY AGE AND SEX FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1986



*Covers residents 65 years and older and their spouses and dependants, and widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants.

NOTE: Where per capita payment was less than $1.00 it was not indicated.

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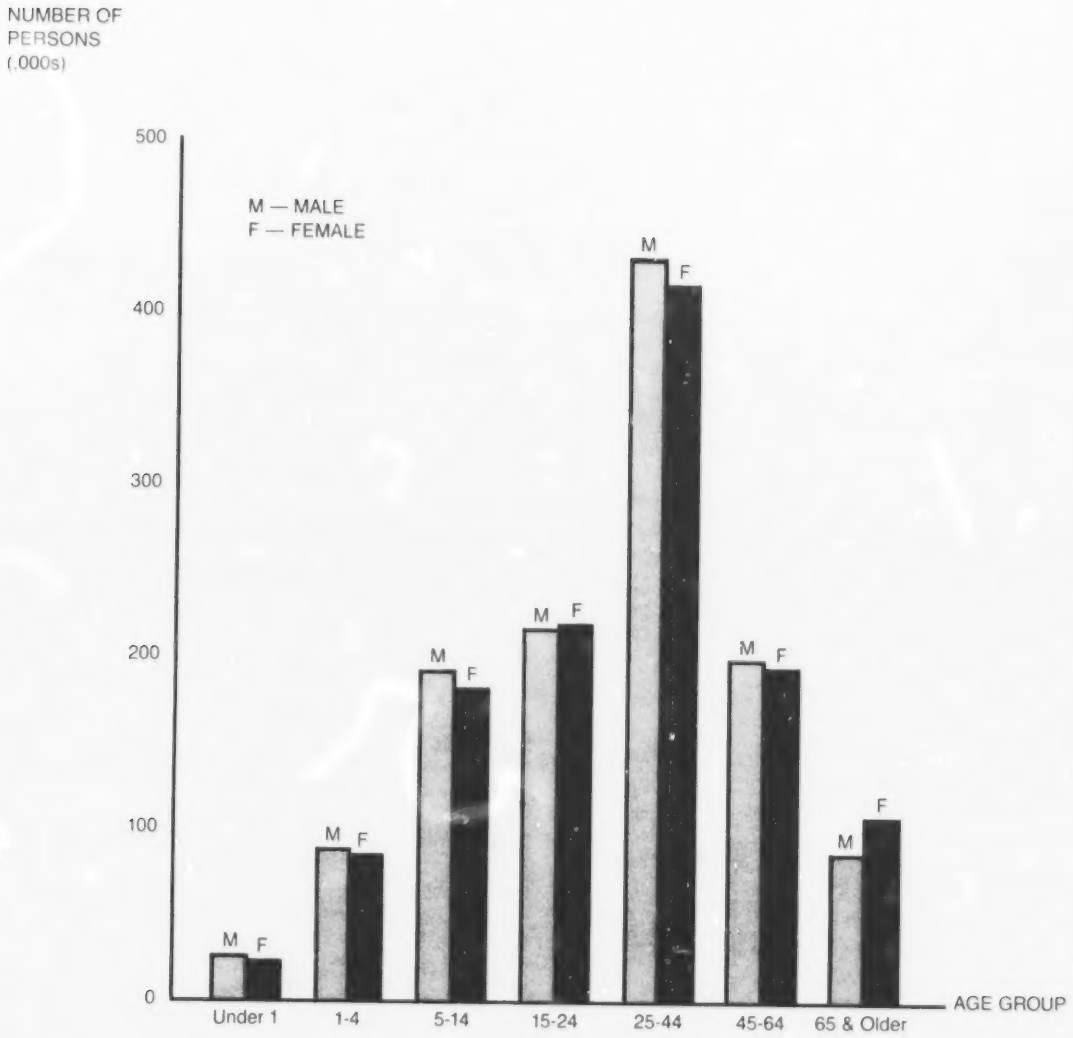
DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS COVERED FOR BENEFITS BY AGE AND SEX AT MARCH 31, 1986



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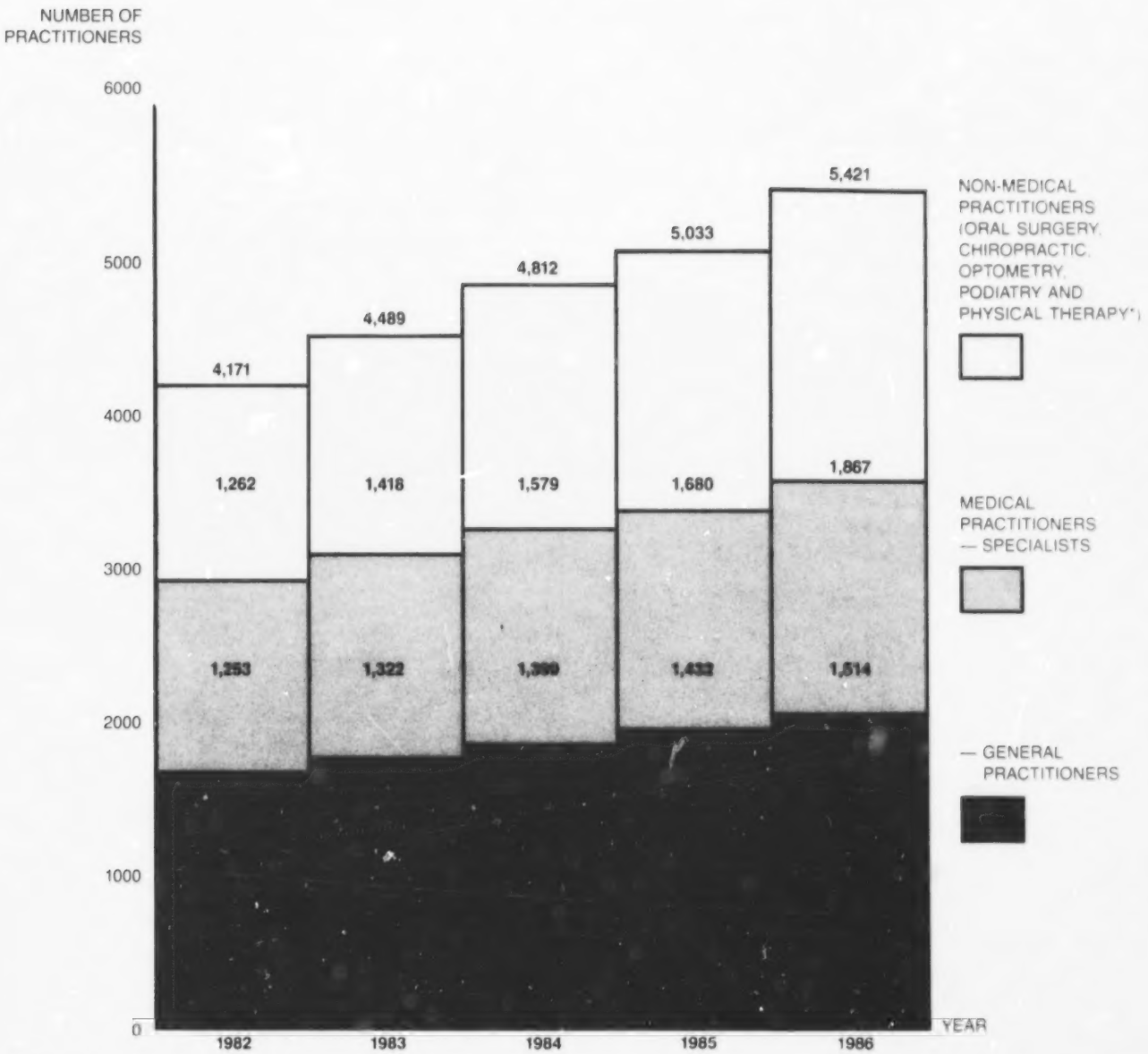

* The number of physical therapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only those practitioners who received fee-for-service payments during the nine-month period July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

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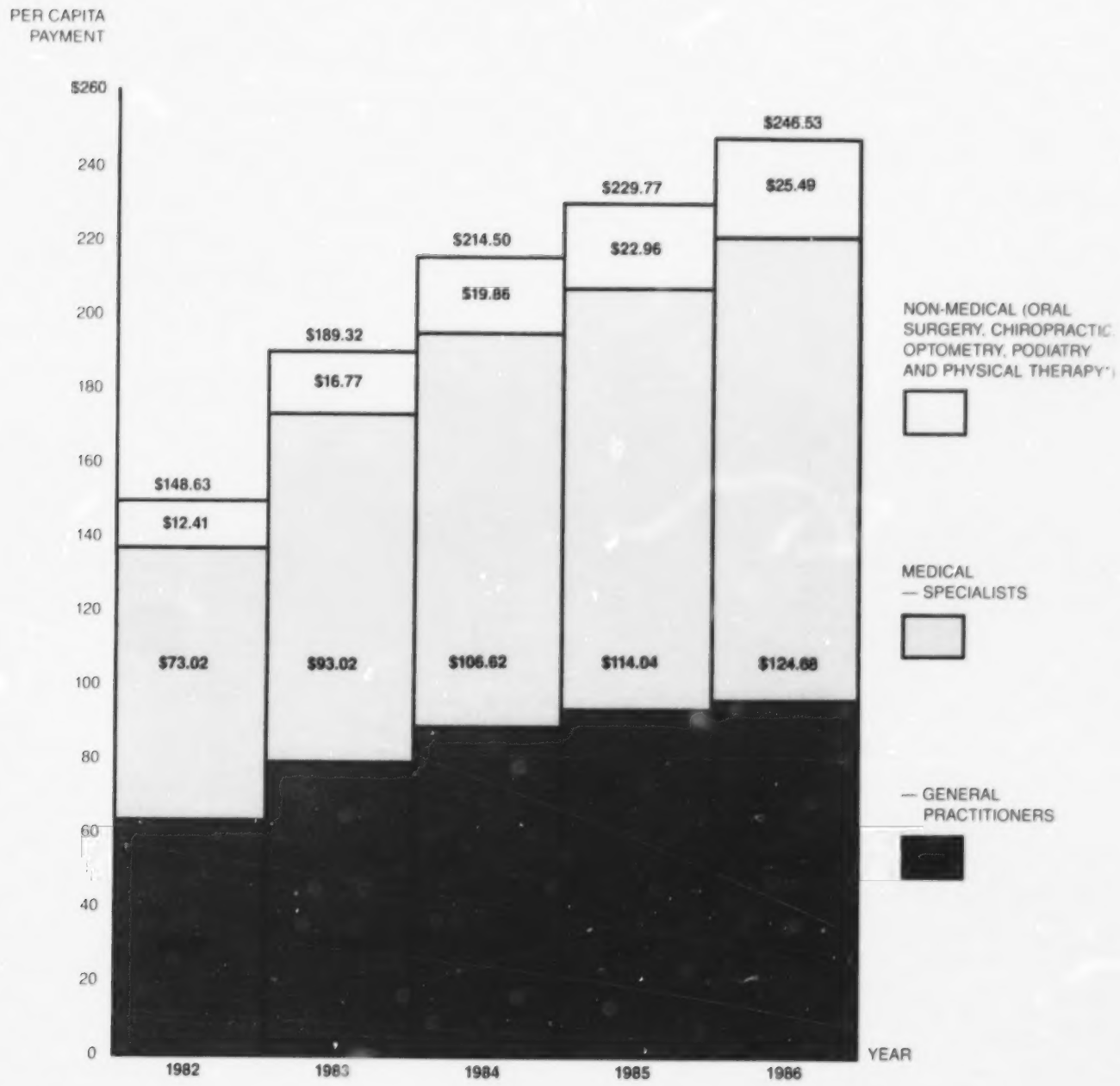
AVERAGE PAYMENT PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



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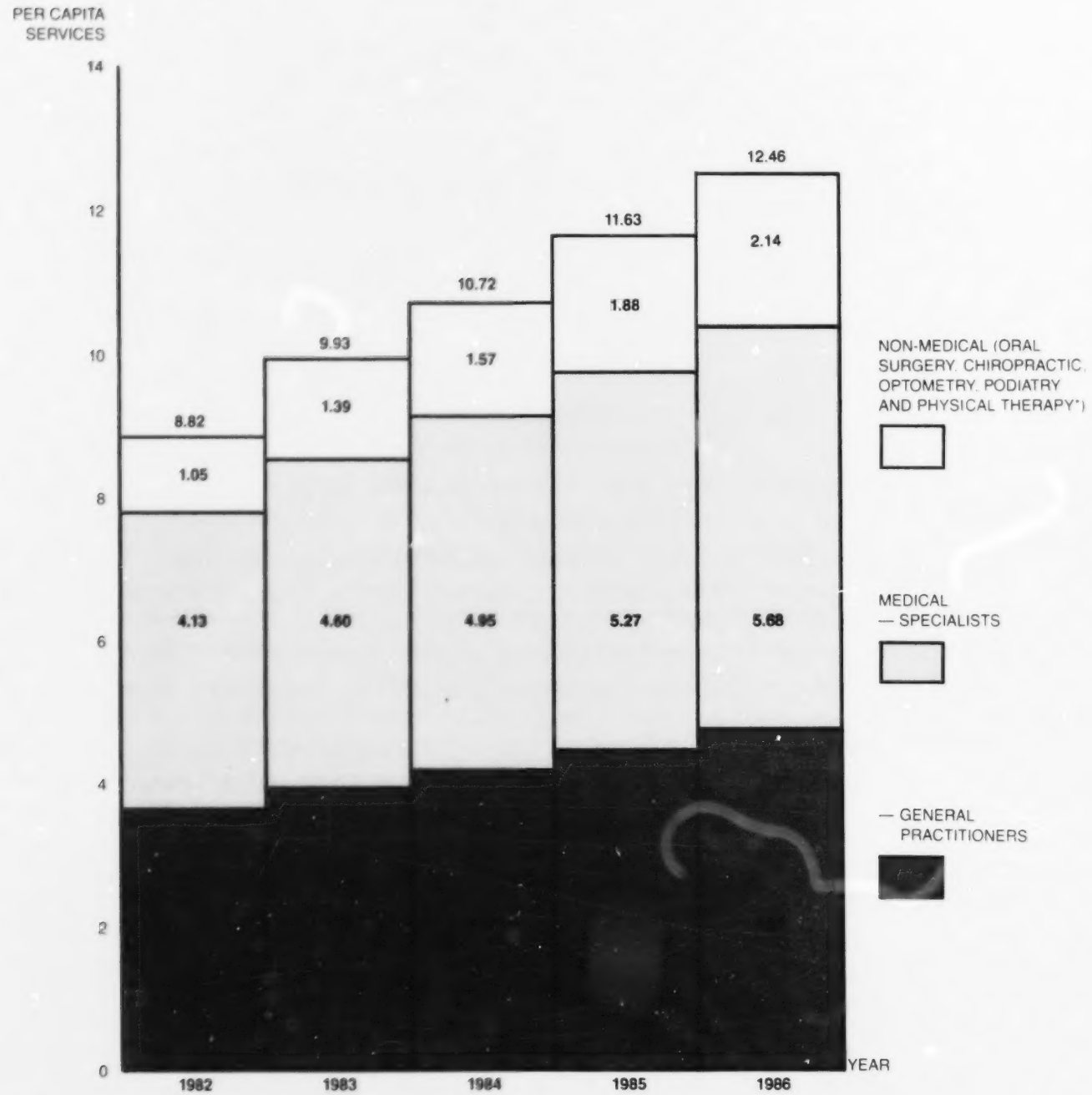
NOTE: Only fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners are included.

FIGURE 5

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SERVICES PER PERSON FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



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NOTE: Only services provided by Alberta practitioners on a fee-for-service basis are included.

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EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The following are explanatory remarks relating to statistical tables tabulated from the registration and claims-payment files of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(A) Registration

1. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily absent from the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.
2. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.
3. Exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted to registrants aged 65 and older and to their spouses and dependants; and to widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and to their dependants.
4. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(B) Claims-Payment

1. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants 65 years of age and older and for their spouses and their dependants; and for widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants.
2. The payment data provided in this report are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.
3. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.
4. With the exception of 1) practitioners who provide a locum tenens for another practitioner, and 2) claims for laboratory and radiology services, each practitioner must claim for the services which he/she provides.
5. Practitioners may assign the payments to which they are entitled to a clinic of which they are members, and this arrangement is between the practitioner and the clinic. These assignments are recorded as payments to the practitioner who provided the services.
6. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.
7. To make statistical data more manageable, a grouping of medical practitioners is necessary for certain cross-tabulations. The grouping consists of (i) General Practitioners, (ii) Medical Specialists, (iii) Surgical Specialists and (iv) Laboratory Specialists. The Medical Specialists group is composed of anaesthetists, dermatologists, internists, neurologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists and physiatrists. The Surgical Specialists group is made up of general surgeons, urologists, neurological surgeons, obstetricians-gynaecologists, ophthalmologists, rhino-otolaryngologists, orthopaedic surgeons, plastic surgeons and thoracic surgeons. The Laboratory Specialists group consists of pathologists and pathology laboratories, radiologists and radiology laboratories and other laboratories such as E.E.G. (electroencephalogram) laboratories.
8. Osteopathic services are included in medical services.
9. The number of discrete patients is defined as the number of different registered persons receiving at least one service during the period reported.
10. Payments for Basic Health Services provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act, which are recoverable from the Workers' Compensation Board, have not been included in the payment data shown in the following statistical tables.
11. The payment statistics in the following tables exclude certain adjustments and off-line payments.

NOTE

The statistics in the following tables cannot be used as an accurate measure of a full-time practitioner's income as:

(1) practitioners receive income from other sources (e.g. Workers' Compensation Board, extra-billing, third party medicals, and for other services not covered by Alberta Health Care);
(2) both full-time and part-time practitioners are included in the statistics;
(3) the figures quoted are gross payments from which practitioners pay their office expenses.

MEDICAL BENEFITS **TABLE 1**

SELECTED INDICATORS

For the years ended March 31

	1984	1985	1986	Percentage Change 1985/1984	Percentage Change 1986/1985
Number of Registered Persons	2,443,943	2,399,690	**2,443,244**	– 1.81%	**1.81%**
Number of Medical Practitioners					
All Practitioners	3,233	3,353	**3,554**	3.71%	**5.99%**
General Practitioners	1,834	1,921	**2,040**	4.74%	**6.19%**
Medical Specialists	712	737	**792**	3.51%	**7.46%**
Surgical Specialists	524	529	**543**	0.95%	**2.65%**
Laboratory Specialists	163	166	**179**	1.84%	**7.83%**
Total Medical Payments*	$475,692,048	$496,274,728	**$540,036,184**	4.33%	**8.82%**
Total Number of Medical Services*	22,360,803	23,412,137	**25,221,311**	4.70%	**7.73%**
Number of Medical Services Per Practitioner	6,916	6,982	**7,097**	0.95%	**1.65%**
Total Medical Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 194,641	$ 206,808	**$ 221,032**	6.25%	**6.88%**
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	9,149	9,756	**10,323**	6.63%	**5.81%**
Average Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 147,136	$ 148,009	**$ 151,952**	0.59%	**2.66%**
General Practitioners	117,299	115,881	**115,403**	– 1.21%	**– 0.41%**
Medical Specialists	113,360	113,999	**116,202**	0.56%	**1.93%**
Surgical Specialists	166,356	167,904	**184,081**	0.93%	**9.63%**
Laboratory Specialists	568,604	607,401	**629,195**	6.82%	**3.59%**
Median Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 120,532	$ 119,175	**$ 119,610**	– 1.13%	**0.37%**
General Practitioners	116,658	114,108	**115,515**	– 2.19%	**1.23%**
Medical Specialists	105,910	106,982	**102,949**	1.01%	**– 3.77%**
Surgical Specialists	165,140	163,505	**174,912**	– 0.99%	**6.98%**
Laboratory Specialists	76,473	69,033	**69,394**	– 9.73%	**0.52%**
Discrete Patients (Medical)**	2,065,094	2,075,464	**2,133,476**	0.50%	**2.80%**
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	639	619	**600**	– 3.13%	**– 3.07%**

* Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

MEDICAL SERVICES PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE

For the years ended June 30, 1976 to 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1986

TABLE 2

Type of Service	Years Ending June 30		Years Ending March 31									Percentage Change (1986/1985)	Annual Average Percentage Change (1976-1986)
	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986		
Consultations	179	193	195	207	210	218	226	254	284	311	**324**	**4.18%**	6.27%
Office Visits	2,917	3,080	3,022	3,110	3,164	3,269	3,244	3,561	3,795	4,066	**4,260**	**4.77**	3.96
Hospital Visits	850	826	786	775	767	706	676	742	804	837	**856**	**2.27**	0.07
Special Visits	219	213	175	157	149	149	143	110	88	88	**107**	**21.59**	- 7.08
Major Surgery	64	67	66	66	64	63	61	67	73	74	**88**	**18.92**	3.32
Minor Surgery	86	93	99	98	96	101	101	108	115	114	**126**	**10.53**	4.00
Surgical Assists	33	32	30	29	27	29	27	28	29	31	**32**	**3.23**	- 0.32
Obstetrical Services	20	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	24	22	**25**	**13.64**	2.32
Anaesthesia	137	135	132	133	143	144	142	153	167	170	**189**	**11.18**	3.36
Radiology Services	313	321	318	321	296	287	271	290	290	310	**317**	**2.26**	0.13
Pathology Services	1,724	1,724	1,739	1,904	2,141	2,243	2,328	2,637	2,820	3,039	**3,278**	**7.86**	6.81
Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	614	621	592	613	591	608	616	659	759	807	**861**	**6.69**	3.53
TOTAL	7,156	7,326	7,175	7,434	7,670	7,839	7,857	8,632	9,248	9,869	**10,463**	**6.02**	3.97

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

C. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 3

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Discipline / Effective Date	Medical	Oral Surgery	Chiropractic	Optometry	Podiatry	Physical Therapy·
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1970	6.95	Nil	18.99	25.00	25.63	N.A.
November 1, 1972	0.62	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1973	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1974	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
March 1, 1975	7.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	N.A.
January 1, 1979	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1980	15.50	10.50	9.00*	8.50	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1981	15.40**	11.60	11.00	11.00	11.00	N.A.
January 1, 1982	16.47	9.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.18··
July 1, 1982	4.12***	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00···

NOTES:
- * Effective March 1, 1980.
- ** Effective March 1, 1981, annualized to 12.80%.
- *** Added benefits to deal with substantive issues, including payments for mandatory consultations, re-designation of the workday start, differentials for evenings and nights, and differentials for week-ends and holidays.
- · Fee-for-service physical therapy became an insured benefit of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan on July 1, 1981.
- ·· Effective February 1, 1982, annualized to 13.00%.
- ··· Effective March 1, 1983, annualized to 5.00%.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF MEDICAL BENEFITS BY SPECIALTY (1)

TABLE 4

Specialty \ Effective Date	(2) July 1 1970	(3) Nov. 1 1972	(3) Oct. 1 1973	(4) Oct. 1 1974	Mar. 1 1975	Jan. 1 1976	Jan. 1 1977	Jan. 1 1978	(6) Jan. 1 1979	Jan. 1 1980	Mar. 1 1981	Jan. 1 1982	(7) July 1 1982	Jan. 1 1983
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
General Practitioners	6.95	Nil	7.12	4.00	7.75	8.55	8.32	7.50	7.47	17.15	16.42	17.40	N/A	4.43
Anaesthetists	6.95	16.46	Nil	4.00	9.03	4.81	6.00	3.60	7.99	20.99	12.35	17.03	N/A	1.63
Dermatologists	6.95	– 5.04	Nil	4.00	3.56	6.03	4.74	5.25	5.74	11.04	14.00	10.18	N/A	4.68
General Surgeons	6.95	Nil	4.96	4.00	2.40	7.92	7.27	7.13	6.90	16.74	15.48	15.76	N/A	4.31
Urologists	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	2.47	7.65	5.41	5.03	5.31	16.50	16.24	15.46	N/A	4.29
Internists	6.95	1.45	6.68	4.00	10.30	7.35	6.03	6.13	6.40	15.72	15.08	15.39	N/A	4.77
Neurologists	6.95	0.76	Nil	4.00	3.81	7.95	6.84	5.51	6.68	14.37	15.27	21.97	N/A	8.33
Neurological-Surgeons	6.95	Nil	8.77	4.00	1.70	6.18	4.84	6.03	7.37	15.53	15.11	18.80	N/A	14.62
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	6.95	– 3.29	Nil	4.00	2.63	7.30	5.74	5.82	4.45	14.94	14.01	14.68	N/A	4.77
Ophthalmologists	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	2.69	8.03	5.42	5.60	6.46	15.21	13.86	15.01	N/A	4.28
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	2.35	6.94	4.74	4.12	5.59	13.56	13.23	12.97	N/A	3.82
Orthopaedic Surgeons	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	2.38	7.18	3.77	4.14	5.77	14.51	13.65	14.72	N/A	4.19
Paediatricians	6.95	2.19	4.43	4.00	10.63	8.85	6.92	7.36	6.13	15.09	14.88	18.80	N/A	5.88
Psychiatrists	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	18.76	7.17	8.20	7.14	7.98	20.29	18.29	18.69	N/A	4.42
Plastic Surgeons	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	2.29	5.07	3.41	3.60	4.26	9.84	13.69	13.31	N/A	4.05
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	6.95	4.96	Nil	4.00	33.93	12.83	7.77	7.29	11.27	39.83	26.09	16.36	N/A	2.81
Thoracic Surgeons	6.95	Nil	Nil	4.00	1.73	6.45	3.39	3.40	3.85	8.64	10.12	8.84	N/A	3.35
Allergists	6.95	– 5.01	Nil	4.00	(5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laboratory/Pathologists	6.95	– 10.65	Nil	4.00	7.27	11.82	6.30	5.45	8.13	9.53	12.67	15.18	N/A	10.04
Laboratory/Radiologists	6.95	– 4.95	Nil	4.00	7.45	10.52	4.74	4.85	6.35	11.07	18.79	17.26	N/A	5.06
All Physicians	6.95	0.62	4.00	4.00	7.20	9.00	7.00	6.47	7.00	15.50	15.40	16.47	4.12	5.00

N/A: Not available.

(1) All percentage changes are calculated by using a base-weight index method.

(2) When the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan was established effective July 1, 1969, the Schedule of Medical Benefits was set at 93.5% of the Alberta Medical Association's 1969 Fee Schedule. The Schedule of Medical Benefits was increased by 6.95% effective July 1, 1970 to cover 100% of the Profession's 1969 Fee Schedule.

(3) Spill-over effects are not included.

(4) Spill-over effects are included, beginning October 1, 1974.

(5) Allergists are included in their certified specialties, beginning March 1, 1975.

(6) In addition to the overall 7.00% increase, amendments granted to assessment rules pertaining to haemoglobin and urinalysis tests supplied in conjunction with visits resulted in an undetermined economic impact.

(7) Represents the calculated impact of additional benefits, including payments for mandatory consultations, redesignation of the work day start, differentials for evening and night services and differentials for weekend and holiday services. A breakdown of this increase by specialty is not available.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED

TABLE 5

at March 31

	Registrations			Percentage Change		Persons			Percentage Change	
	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985
Individual	407,928	378,220	**387,384**	- 7.28%	**2.42%**	852,226	804,210	**811,364**	- 5.63%	**0.89%**
Group	498,277	492,236	**502,605**	- 1.21%	**2.11%**	1,257,272	1,252,463	**1,275,472**	- 0.38%	**1.84%**
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	146,475	149,269	**154,981**	1.91%	**3.83%**	215,906	219,868	**227,940**	1.84%	**3.67%**
Widows' Pension	2,649	3,322	**3,616**	25.41%	**8.85%**	3,075	3,885	**4,156**	26.34%	**6.98%**
Social Allowance Recipients*	51,815	53,890	**58,895**	4.00%	**9.29%**	115,464	119,264	**124,312**	3.29%	**4.23%**
TOTAL	1,107,144	1,076,937	**1,107,481**	- 2.73%	**2.84%**	2,443,943	2,399,690	**2,443,244**	- 1.81%	**1.81%**

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

NOTES:

A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED BY METHOD OF PREMIUM COLLECTION AND SUBSIDY LEVEL at March 31, 1986

TABLE 6

	One Person		Two Persons		Three or More Persons		Total	
	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons
Non Subsidized								
Individual	147,087	147,087	43,787	87,574	92,903	372,410	283,777	607,071
Group	157,168	157,168	105,593	211,186	219,024	865,671	481,785	1,234,025
TOTAL	304,255	304,255	149,380	298,760	311,927	1,238,081	765,562	1,841,096
Subsidized								
Reduced Premium Rates								
Individual	4,198	4,198	1,242	2,484	2,283	9,247	7,723	15,929
Group	797	797	327	654	509	2,154	1,633	3,605
Premium Exempt								
Individual	55,333	55,333	15,467	30,934	25,084	102,097	95,884	188,364
Group	10,992	10,992	3,372	6,744	4,823	20,106	19,187	37,842
TOTAL	71,320	71,320	20,408	40,816	32,699	133,604	124,427	245,740
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	86,973	86,973	64,271	128,542	3,737	12,425	154,981	227,940
Widows' Pension	3,227	3,227	284	568	105	361	3,616	4,156
Social Allowance Recipients*	29,577	29,577	10,588	21,176	18,730	73,559	58,895	124,312
TOTALS:								
Individual	206,618	206,618	60,496	120,992	120,270	483,754	387,384	811,364
Group	168,957	168,957	109,292	218,584	224,356	887,931	502,605	1,275,472
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	86,973	86,973	64,271	128,542	3,737	12,425	154,981	227,940
Widows' Pension	3,227	3,227	284	568	105	361	3,616	4,156
Social Allowance Recipients*	29,577	29,577	10,588	21,176	18,730	73,559	58,895	124,312
TOTAL	495,352	495,352	244,931	489,862	367,198	1,458,030	1,107,481	2,443,244

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correction Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

NOTES:

A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 7

Persons Covered by Age and Sex
at March 31

Age	Male 1984	1985	1986	Percentage Change 1985/1984	1986/1985	Female 1984	1985	1986	Percentage Change 1985/1984	1986/1985	Total 1984	1985	1986	Percentage Change 1985/1984	1986/1985
Under 1	23,092	22,027	**22,437**	- 4.61%	**1.86%**	21,865	21,105	**21,274**	- 3.48%	**0.80%**	44,957	43,132	**43,711**	- 4.06%	**1.34%**
1 - 4	87,331	86,834	**88,480**	- 0.57%	**1.90%**	82,807	82,469	**84,213**	- 0.41%	**2.11%**	170,138	169,303	**172,693**	- 0.49%	**2.00%**
5 - 14	193,116	189,489	**190,220**	- 1.88%	**0.39%**	182,924	179,112	**180,080**	- 2.08%	**0.54%**	376,040	368,601	**370,300**	- 1.98%	**0.46%**
15 - 24	232,229	214,250	**212,508**	- 7.74%	**- 0.81%**	230,704	217,151	**213,461**	- 5.87%	**- 1.70%**	462,933	431,401	**425,969**	- 6.81%	**- 1.26%**
25 - 44	424,219	413,974	**427,520**	- 2.42%	**3.27%**	394,013	396,795	**410,308**	0.71%	**3.41%**	818,232	810,769	**837,828**	- 0.91%	**3.34%**
45 - 64	196,128	196,197	**200,482**	0.04%	**2.18%**	189,783	191,051	**195,115**	0.67%	**2.13%**	385,911	387,248	**395,597**	0.35%	**2.16%**
65 & Older	83,006	84,050	**87,102**	1.26%	**3.63%**	102,726	105,186	**110,044**	2.39%	**4.62%**	185,732	189,236	**197,146**	1.89%	**4.18%**
TOTAL	1,239,121	1,206,821	**1,228,749**	- 2.61%	**1.82%**	1,204,822	1,192,869	**1,214,495**	- 0.99%	**1.81%**	2,443,943	2,399,690	**2,443,244**	- 1.81%	**1.81%**

NOTES: A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

TABLE 8

Registrations and Persons Covered by Level of Premium Payment at March 31

		Regular Premium Rates			Reduced Premium Rates			Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older			Widows' Pension			Total		
		1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
One Person	Registrations	21,808	19,681	**19,605**	8,793	9,902	**10,587**	82,359	83,752	**86,973**	2,343	2,918	**3,227**	115,303	116,253	**120,392**
	Persons	21,808	19,681	**19,605**	8,793	9,902	**10,587**	82,359	83,752	**86,973**	2,343	2,918	**3,227**	115,303	116,253	**120,392**
Two Persons	Registrations	14,246	13,986	**14,175**	4,422	5,222	**5,807**	60,191	61,642	**64,188**	225	375	**362**	79,084	81,225	**84,532**
	Persons	28,492	27,972	**28,350**	8,844	10,444	**11,614**	120,382	123,284	**128,376**	450	750	**724**	158,168	162,450	**169,064**
Three or More Persons	Registrations	28,777	26,671	**26,021**	7,683	8,983	**9,225**	3,925	3,875	**3,820**	81	29	**27**	40,466	39,558	**39,093**
	Persons	116,730	107,687	**105,007**	32,167	37,522	**38,658**	13,165	12,832	**12,591**	282	217	**205**	162,344	158,258	**156,461**
TOTAL	Registrations	64,831	60,338	**59,801**	20,898	24,107	**25,619**	146,475	149,269	**154,981**	2,649	3,322	**3,616**	234,853	237,036	**244,017**
	Persons	167,030	155,340	**152,962**	49,804	57,868	**60,859**	215,906	219,868	**227,940**	3,075	3,885	**4,156**	435,815	436,961	**445,917**

NOTES:

A. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

B. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

C. Those who were eligible for Basic Health Services at the 100 percent subsidy level were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage at reduced premium rates, but were not exempted from payment of the premium.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Persons Covered by Age and Sex
at March 31

TABLE 9

Age	Male			Female			Total		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Under 1	1,981	1,771	**1,828**	1,860	1,831	**1,745**	3,841	3,602	**3,573**
1 - 4	7,913	7,546	**7,438**	7,251	6,870	**6,999**	15,164	14,416	**14,437**
5 - 14	18,871	18,283	**18,167**	17,736	17,095	**16,901**	36,607	35,378	**35,068**
15 - 24	21,611	20,765	**20,324**	21,283	20,720	**20,346**	42,894	41,485	**40,670**
25 - 44	30,550	29,446	**29,641**	32,759	32,023	**32,559**	63,309	61,469	**62,200**
45 - 64	34,090	35,363	**36,039**	54,941	56,325	**57,417**	89,031	91,688	**93,456**
65 & Older*	82,518	83,750	**86,670**	102,451	105,173	**109,843**	184,969	188,923	**196,513**
TOTAL	197,534	196,924	**200,107**	238,281	240,037	**245,810**	435,815	436,961	**445,917**

* The number of persons in this age group differs from the number of persons shown in Table 6 as only those registrations where the age of the person 65 years or older has been verified are provided with premium exempt Alberta Blue Cross coverage.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENT FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 10

	Total			Practitioners			Registrants		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Medical*	$485,066,660	$507,052,843	**$553,184,867**	$483,016,761	$505,331,614	**$550,753,802**	$2,049,899	$1,721,229	**$2,431,065**
Oral Surgery	8,772,719	10,476,518	**13,840,547**	8,639,770	10,309,786	**13,685,882**	132,949	166,732	**154,685**
Chiropractic	20,083,336	20,959,926	**21,653,208**	19,968,484	20,835,787	**21,509,211**	114,852	124,139	**143,997**
Optometry	8,121,928	8,854,521	**9,141,383**	7,881,355	8,614,321	**8,935,206**	240,573	240,200	**206,177**
Podiatry	2,674,850	2,913,122	**2,938,545**	2,669,711	2,907,309	**2,928,739**	5,139	5,813	**9,806**
Physical Therapy	9,072,430	12,091,004	**15,019,140**	9,058,570	12,077,094	**14,990,409**	13,860	13,910	**28,731**
TOTAL	$533,791,923	$562,347,934	**$615,777,690**	$531,234,651	$560,075,911	**$612,803,229**	$2,557,272	$2,272,023	**$2,974,461**

* The amount paid to medical practitioners includes payments, as indicated for each year ended March 31, for medical services to Provincial and Federal Departments and Agencies in respect of doctors on salary, sessional and contract arrangements. The amount paid also includes sessional payments to groups of medical practitioners on a contract basis:

1984 $2,485,178
1985 $3,054,524
1986 $3,290,931

NOTE: The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis. Included are payments for Basic Health Services provided in and outside of Alberta.

TOTAL AND AVERAGE GROSS PAYMENTS TO PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 11

	Number of Practitioners			Percentage Change		Total Paid			Percentage Change		Average Payments			Percentage Change	
	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985
Medical	3,233	3,353	**3,554**	3.71%	**5.99%**	$475,692,048	$496,274,728	**$540,036,184**	4.33%	**8.82%**	$147,136	$148,009	**$151,952**	0.59%	**2.66%**
Oral Surgery	848	894	**958**	5.42%	**7.16%**	8,753,389	10,457,457	**13,815,622**	19.47%	**32.11%**	10,322	11,697	**14,421**	13.32%	**23.29%**
Chiropractic	300	308	**323**	2.67%	**4.87%**	19,975,293	20,847,743	**21,493,681**	4.37%	**3.10%**	66,584	67,687	**66,544**	1.66%	**–1.69%**
Optometry	197	202	**213**	2.54%	**5.45%**	8,090,622	8,825,467	**9,101,274**	9.08%	**3.13%**	41,069	43,690	**42,729**	6.38%	**–2.20%**
Podiatry	19	18	**18**	–5.26%	**—**	2,667,118	2,906,219	**2,925,651**	8.96%	**0.67%**	140,375	161,457	**162,536**	15.02%	**0.67%**
Physical Therapy	215	258	**355**	20.00%	**37.60%**	9,038,683	12,048,893	**14,940,812**	33.30%	**24.00%**	42,040	46,701	**42,087**	11.09%	**–9.88%**
TOTAL	4,812	5,033	**5,421**	4.59%	**7.71%**	$524,217,153	$551,360,507	**$602,313,224**	5.18%	**9.24%**					

NOTES: A. The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE TO ALL PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 12

$ Range	Total			Medical			Oral Surgery			Chiropractic			Optometry			Podiatry			Physical Therapy		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Less than 10,000	994	974	**1,099**	281	274	**363**	641	636	**624**	22	17	**31**	17	13	**15**	1		**1**	32	34	**65**
10,000 – 19,999	310	353	**389**	148	161	**146**	106	133	**168**	14	17	**13**	19	16	**18**		1		23	25	**44**
20,000 – 39,999	458	500	**523**	213	229	**226**	58	74	**97**	49	55	**50**	76	80	**74**	2			60	62	**76**
40,000 – 59,999	397	411	**439**	204	205	**207**	16	20	**27**	68	64	**61**	55	59	**69**	1	1		53	62	**75**
60,000 – 79,999	314	353	**391**	216	231	**233**	7	11	**14**	50	52	**64**	15	17	**23**	1		**1**	25	42	**56**
80,000 – 99,999	322	366	**380**	252	284	**295**	6	7	**10**	44	45	**41**	8	11	**8**	2	3	**2**	10	16	**24**
100,000 – 119,999	340	346	**360**	295	306	**316**	5	2	**4**	28	26	**32**	4	2	**3**	3	2		5	8	**5**
120,000 – 139,999	338	361	**369**	321	332	**342**	4	4	**4**	10	17	**17**	1	2	**1**		1	**2**	2	5	**3**
140,000 – 159,999	296	336	**318**	286	324	**300**		1	**2**	6	7	**9**	1			1	1	**3**	2	3	**4**
160,000 – 179,999	265	236	**273**	259	229	**266**				3	5	**2**			**1**	2	1	**1**	1	1	**3**
180,000 – 199,999	226	216	**212**	217	210	**209**	1	1	**1**	4	1	**1**	1	1		1	3	**1**	2		
200,000 – 299,999	424	458	**504**	415	448	**491**	4	4	**4**	1	1	**1**		1	**1**	4	4	**7**			
300,000 – 399,999	80	78	**104**	80	77	**102**		1	**2**							1	1				
400,000 – 499,999	18	16	**23**	17	15	**23**															
500,000 – 599,999	7	7	**13**	6	6	**12**			**1**	1	1										
600,000 – 699,999	4		**4**	4		**3**						**1**									
700,000 – 799,999	3	3	**3**	3	3	**3**															
800,000 and Over	16	19	**17**	16	19	**17**															
TOTAL	4,812	5,033	**5,421**	3,233	3,353	**3,554**	848	894	**958**	300	308	**323**	197	202	**213**	19	18	**18**	215	258	**355**

NOTES: A. The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

AVERAGE AND MEDIAN GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 13

	Number of Practitioners			Average Payments			Percentage Change		Median Payments			Percentage Change	
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985	1984	1985	1986	1985/1984	1986/1985
TOTAL	3,233	3,353	**3,554**	$ 147,136	$ 148,009	**$ 151,952**	0.59%	**2.66%**	$120,532	$119,175	**$119,610**	-1.13%	**0.37%**
General Practitioners	1,834	1,921	**2,040**	117,299	115,881	**115,403**	-1.21%	**-0.41%**	116,658	114,108	**115,515**	-2.19%	**1.23%**
Total Specialists	1,399	1,432	**1,514**	186,251	191,108	**201,198**	2.61%	**5.28%**	127,015	126,385	**128,148**	-0.50%	**1.39%**
Laboratory Specialists	163	166	**179**	568,604	607,401	**629,195**	6.82%	**3.59%**	76,473	69,033	**69,394**	-9.73%	**0.52%**
Other Specialists	1,236	1,266	**1,335**	135,828	136,523	**143,811**	0.51%	**5.34%**	129,461	130,192	**131,893**	0.56%	**1.31%**
SPECIALISTS BY SPECIALTY													
Anaesthetists	152	156	**166**	$ 103,978	$ 103,620	**$ 108,874**	-0.34%	**5.07%**	$116,544	$117,172	**$123,522**	0.54%	**5.42%**
Dermatologists	19	21	**22**	309,724	293,705	**328,560**	-5.17%	**11.87%**	290,429	290,733	**335,858**	0.10%	**15.52%**
General Surgeons	159	155	**160**	146,924	150,294	**164,818**	2.29%	**9.66%**	147,068	148,767	**162,535**	1.16%	**9.25%**
Urologists	33	35	**35**	171,665	170,557	**186,992**	0.65%	**9.64%**	181,466	181,776	**184,706**	0.17%	**1.61%**
Internists	267	273	**286**	120,964	121,966	**126,614**	0.83%	**3.81%**	104,925	106,977	**104,608**	1.96%	**-2.21%**
Neurologists	22	25	**28**	119,124	117,451	**108,846**	1.40%	**-7.33%**	102,956	94,118	**103,734**	-8.58%	**10.22%**
Neurological Surgeons	13	13	**14**	153,289	170,211	**173,804**	11.04%	**2.11%**	172,377	186,513	**191,778**	8.20%	**2.82%**
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	120	120	**125**	166,583	161,310	**168,848**	-3.17%	**4.67%**	165,755	158,963	**165,828**	-4.10%	**4.32%**
Ophthalmologists	62	62	**62**	196,530	211,071	**238,305**	7.40%	**12.90%**	165,396	171,569	**201,729**	3.73%	**17.58%**
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	29	30	**31**	211,236	217,204	**237,799**	2.83%	**9.48%**	205,676	235,612	**257,574**	14.55%	**9.32%**
Orthopaedic Surgeons	71	71	**74**	150,630	155,645	**167,170**	3.33%	**7.40%**	167,208	163,525	**172,720**	-2.20%	**5.62%**
Paediatricians	124	131	**143**	102,187	97,592	**97,660**	-4.50%	**0.07%**	82,169	84,227	**78,004**	2.50%	**-7.39%**
Psychiatrists	120	122	**137**	90,826	98,729	**94,483**	8.70%	**-4.30%**	91,931	100,363	**93,049**	9.17%	**-7.29%**
Plastic Surgeons	25	28	**29**	186,136	184,068	**204,521**	-1.11%	**11.11%**	189,388	194,650	**187,473**	2.78%	**-3.69%**
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	8	9	**10**	66,793	69,133	**56,156**	3.50%	**-18.77%**	58,829	56,302	**59,526**	-4.30%	**5.73%**
Thoracic Surgeons	12	15	**13**	208,619	145,253	**234,843**	-30.37%	**61.68%**	207,642	121,930	**253,174**	-41.28%	**107.64%**
Laboratory/Pathologists	39	37	**36**	1,726,039	1,983,183	**2,159,520**	14.90%	**8.89%**	109,421	123,195	**128,353**	12.59%	**4.19%**
Laboratory/Radiologists	117	121	**133**	212,745	222,549	**225,454**	4.61%	**1.31%**	76,473	66,835	**65,442**	-12.60%	**-2.08%**
Laboratory/Others	7	8	**8**	67,970	65,307	**72,339**	-3.92%	**10.77%**	56,851	48,738	**75,777**	-14.27%	**55.48%**

NOTES: A. The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.

D. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

E. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 14

$ Range	All Practitioners		General Practitioners		All Specialists		Anaesthetists		Dermatologists		General Surgeons	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 992,609	363	$ 569,262	211	$ 423,347	152	$ 61,750	21	$		14,960	10
10,000 – 19,999	2,229,460	146	1,417,412	93	812,048	53	28,989	2			43,813	3
20,000 – 39,999	6,784,658	226	3,930,905	130	2,853,753	96	50,512	2	20,351	1	231,246	7
40,000 – 59,999	10,376,739	207	5,641,618	112	4,735,121	95	608,903	12			447,253	9
60,000 – 79,999	16,385,464	233	9,060,663	129	7,324,801	104	916,229	13			222,622	3
80,000 – 99,999	26,697,598	295	16,882,376	186	9,815,222	109	1,279,218	14			1,057,713	12
100,000 – 119,999	34,857,296	316	23,828,812	215	11,028,484	101	1,519,735	14			974,122	9
120,000 – 139,999	44,522,280	342	27,975,184	215	16,547,096	127	4,684,594	36			1,272,170	10
140,000 – 159,999	44,887,372	300	30,883,622	206	14,003,750	94	2,984,386	20			2,238,887	15
160,000 – 179,999	45,150,214	266	25,958,481	153	19,191,733	113	2,894,527	17	176,635	1	2,372,094	14
180,000 – 199,999	39,502,765	209	24,767,458	131	14,735,307	78	1,487,624	8			1,339,759	7
200,000 – 299,999	116,727,168	491	53,369,604	228	63,357,564	263	1,556,687	7	1,667,169	7	11,162,852	47
300,000 – 399,999	34,696,891	102	8,682,754	26	26,014,137	76			3,546,105	10	4,003,753	12
400,000 – 499,999	10,053,084	23	1,822,279	4	8,230,805	19					415,286	1
500,000 – 599,999	6,453,228	12			6,453,228	12			1,027,470	2	574,351	1
600,000 – 699,999	1,965,635	3	631,803	1	1,333,832	2						
700,000 – 799,999	2,280,451	3			2,280,451	3			790,585	1		
800,000 and Over	95,473,272	17			95,473,272	17						
TOTAL	$540,036,184	3,554	$235,422,233	2,040	$304,613,951	1,514	$18,073,154	166	$7,228,315	22	$26,370,881	160

TABLE 14 Continued

$ Range	Urologists		Internists		Neurologists		Neurological Surgeons		Obstetricians-Gynaecologists		Ophthalmologists	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$		$ 63,198	25	$ 11,745	2	$		$ 20,949	7	$	
10,000 – 19,999	30,494	2	201,702	13			19,862	1	50,703	3		
20,000 – 39,999			990,088	32	35,224	1			66,153	2	110,397	4
40,000 – 59,999			894,854	18	144,055	3			570,334	11		
60,000 – 79,999	133,829	2	1,790,137	25	211,456	3			472,569	7	129,707	2
80,000 – 99,999			2,537,241	28	348,586	4	179,311	2	261,721	3	362,846	4
100,000 – 119,999	216,262	2	1,630,669	15	432,252	4	107,672	1	898,751	8	417,989	4
120,000 – 139,999	382,967	3	2,918,487	22	513,452	4	134,891	1	1,548,560	12	390,177	3
140,000 – 159,999			1,038,290	7	311,741	2			1,044,454	7	898,741	6
160,000 – 179,999	1,368,349	8	2,362,697	14	340,293	2	349,632	2	2,047,423	12	675,196	4
180,000 – 199,999	381,058	2	4,161,597	22					1,319,930	7	380,293	2
200,000 – 299,999	3,294,874	14	12,928,468	52	698,884	3	1,641,891	7	7,520,455	32	4,430,371	19
300,000 – 399,999	316,319	1	3,323,449	10					3,766,019	11	2,209,134	6
400,000 – 499,999	420,573	1	864,723	2					445,774	1	1,833,901	4
500,000 – 599,999			505,923	1					1,072,195	2	1,646,286	3
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over											1,289,892	1
TOTAL	$6,544,725	35	$36,211,523	286	$3,047,688	28	$2,433,259	14	$21,105,990	125	$14,774,930	62

TABLE 14 Continued

$ Range	Rhino-Otolaryngologists		Orthopaedic Surgeons		Paediatricians		Psychiatrists		Plastic Surgeons		Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 6,946	1	$ 21,500	4	$ 82,248	21	$ 53,621	14	$		$ 440	1
10,000 – 19,999			19,354	1	174,743	11	101,323	7			10,485	1
20,000 – 39,999			57,276	2	487,237	17	350,366	12	49,174	2	35,780	1
40,000 – 59,999	105,234	2	143,452	3	479,881	10	438,612	9	59,274	1	108,226	2
60,000 – 79,999			65,806	1	908,858	13	914,469	13	142,464	2	191,563	3
80,000 – 99,999			373,300	4	808,459	9	1,618,416	18			89,723	1
100,000 – 119,999	102,055	1	234,844	2	1,422,290	13	1,975,426	18	114,648	1		
120,000 – 139,999			131,422	1	1,591,356	12	2,192,786	17	128,115	1	125,343	1
140,000 – 159,999	445,590	3	1,196,423	8	1,025,503	7	1,202,786	8	286,200	2		
160,000 – 179,999	172,767	1	2,704,416	16	1,030,467	6	1,667,349	10	685,289	4		
180,000 – 199,999	575,371	3	2,279,839	12	1,126,660	6	941,234	5	374,489	2		
200,000 – 299,999	3,124,777	12	4,129,290	17	3,404,281	14	1,154,595	5	1,624,717	7		
300,000 – 399,999	2,024,997	6	1,013,691	3	998,176	3	333,212	1	2,065,378	6		
400,000 – 499,999	814,029	2			425,276	1			401,361	1		
500,000 – 599,999												
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	$7,371,766	31	$12,370,613	74	$13,965,435	143	$12,944,195	137	$5,931,109	29	$561,560	10

TABLE 14 Continued

$ Range	Thoracic Surgeons		Laboratory/Pathologists		Laboratory/Radiologists		Laboratory/Others	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$		$ 25,237	11	$ 60,753	35	$	
10,000 – 19,999			28,034	2	102,546	7		
20,000 – 39,999			103,246	3	210,374	8	56,329	2
40,000 – 59,999			45,310	1	689,733	14		
60,000 – 79,999	78,086	1			847,049	12	299,957	4
80,000 – 99,999	95,028	1	81,385	1	634,302	7	87,973	1
100,000 – 119,999	119,010	1	109,835	1	752,924	7		
120,000 – 139,999					398,323	3	134,453	1
140,000 – 159,999	154,977	1	296,468	2	879,304	6		
160,000 – 179,999					344,599	2		
180,000 – 199,999					367,453	2		
200,000 – 299,999	1,810,021	7	926,827	4	2,281,405	9		
300,000 – 399,999	367,592	1			2,046,312	6		
400,000 – 499,999	428,242	1	467,065	1	1,714,575	4		
500,000 – 599,999			567,325	1	1,059,678	2		
600,000 – 699,999					1,333,832	2		
700,000 – 799,999					1,489,866	2		
800,000 and Over			79,411,032	11	14,772,348	5		
TOTAL	$3,052,956	13	$82,061,764	38	$29,985,376	133	$578,712	8

NOTES: A. The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

D. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS AVERAGE PAYMENTS TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ACCORDING TO GROUP OF SPECIALTIES BY DOLLAR RANGE AND ALBERTA PRACTICE YEAR

For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 15

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	38	$ 4,585	96	$ 2,298	16	$ 1,918	15	$ 2,976	46	$ 2,158	211	$ 2,698
10,000 – 19,999	25	15,427	39	14,983	3	15,416	16	14,910	10	16,255	93	15,241
20,000 – 39,999	28	28,762	51	29,308	11	30,398	17	31,434	23	33,134	130	30,238
40,000 – 59,999	24	50,761	38	50,150	12	49,539	20	50,295	18	50,961	112	50,372
60,000 – 79,999	13	69,964	36	71,058	17	69,590	35	70,207	28	69,741	129	70,238
80,000 – 99,999	16	89,670	65	91,450	28	90,394	42	90,410	35	90,719	186	90,765
100,000 – 119,999	5	111,755	79	110,969	37	112,994	67	110,356	27	108,477	215	110,832
120,000 – 139,999	3	133,064	69	129,887	38	130,891	69	129,863	36	129,981	215	130,117
140,000 – 159,999			58	148,761	40	148,891	72	150,947	36	150,879	206	149,920
160,000 – 179,999			46	169,958	37	169,852	48	169,804	22	168,420	153	169,663
180,000 – 199,999			33	187,950	35	189,779	40	189,858	23	188,196	131	189,065
200,000 – 299,999			45	230,980	69	235,967	93	232,365	21	242,086	228	234,077
300,000 – 399,999			3	327,278	8	328,940	11	333,854	4	349,252	26	333,952
400,000 – 499,999			1	477,264	3	448,338					4	455,570
500,000 – 599,999												
600,000 – 699,999									1	631,803	1	631,803
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	152	$ 38,722	659	$ 98,541	354	$149,760	545	$140,051	330	$106,834	2,040	$115,403

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 15 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	12	$ 5,047	36	$ 2,484	10	$ 3,481	10	$ 3,356	16	$ 3,415	84	$ 3,250
10,000 – 19,999	6	13,580	8	15,215	6	17,933	8	14,430	6	15,168	34	15,213
20,000 – 39,999	4	29,499	28	28,457	16	30,974	11	31,890	7	29,773	66	29,842
40,000 – 59,999	2	50,467	19	49,189	13	48,077	8	49,930	12	51,213	54	49,528
60,000 – 79,999	3	69,555	22	70,516	12	69,423	17	70,000	16	71,851	70	70,467
80,000 – 99,999	5	93,165	23	88,998	14	92,510	8	88,846	24	90,123	74	90,292
100,000 – 119,999			23	109,003	11	107,246	19	109,561	11	110,177	64	109,068
120,000 – 139,999			12	131,097	18	129,886	34	131,978	28	129,559	92	130,718
140,000 – 159,999			11	149,212	8	150,306	16	149,019	9	148,291	44	149,152
160,000 – 179,999			17	169,452	11	167,875	14	171,326	8	168,261	50	169,439
180,000 – 199,999			11	187,313	10	189,441	10	186,627	10	189,600	41	188,222
200,000 – 299,999			16	242,749	19	237,095	28	249,095	25	241,865	88	243,296
300,000 – 399,999			3	323,795	9	346,078	9	341,272	3	347,800	24	341,706
400,000 – 499,999					1	448,979	1	425,276	1	415,744	3	429,999
500,000 – 599,999			1	502,161	1	505,923	1	525,308			3	511,131
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999							1	790,585			1	790,585
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	32	$ 32,359	230	$ 93,744	159	$128,470	195	$142,591	176	$120,473	792	$116,202

SURGICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 15 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000		$	6	$ 3,874	5	$ 1,504		$	11	$ 3,054	22	$ 2,925
10,000 – 19,999	1	18,216	1	11,654			2	16,238	6	16,980	10	16,423
20,000 – 39,999	1	32,109	5	29,266			1	29,454	10	30,635	17	30,250
40,000 – 59,999	2	54,525	6	48,989	2	54,848	5	47,147	11	52,466	26	50,983
60,000 – 79,999	2	71,474	2	65,533	3	67,934	3	68,302	8	70,295	18	69,171
80,000 – 99,999			2	85,939	3	87,003	11	89,191	10	91,593	26	89,612
100,000 – 119,999	1	111,196	5	111,939	1	105,412	5	109,654	17	109,458	29	109,840
120,000 – 139,999			7	124,869			6	130,686	18	129,449	31	128,655
140,000 – 159,999	1	155,875	3	147,664	4	150,332	12	148,862	22	149,032	42	149,172
160,000 – 179,999			9	170,036	8	168,080	25	171,310	19	169,339	61	170,085
180,000 – 199,999			2	194,279	11	189,247	17	191,296	5	185,685	35	190,021
200,000 – 299,999			31	240,400	26	241,200	68	238,297	37	238,146	162	239,131
300,000 – 399,999			4	378,445	9	331,949	17	340,969	16	341,818	46	342,758
400,000 – 499,999			2	429,743			7	431,374	2	440,030	11	432,651
500,000 – 599,999					1	527,585	4	564,877	1	505,740	6	548,805
600,000 – 699,999												
700,000 – 799,999												
800,000 and Over									1	1,289,892	1	1,289,892
TOTAL	8	$ 71,174	85	$169,405	73	$198,650	183	$215,394	194	$ 160,149	543	$ 184,081

NOTE: The number of years in Alberta is obtained from the "List of Members of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta". The date of registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons is used as the beginning date of practice in Alberta.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PAYMENTS BY TYPE OF SERVICE AND SPECIALTY

For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 16

	Consul-tations	Visits			Major Surgery	Minor Surgery	Surgical Assists	Obstetrical Services	Anaes-thesia	Radiology Services	Pathology Services	Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	Total
		Office	Hospital	Special									
All Practitioners	7.96%	39.95%	6.83%	0.97%	8.89%	1.80%	0.52%	2.98%	4.22%	4.25%	15.88%	5.75%	100.00%
General Practitioners	0.26	31.55	4.96	0.89	0.60	1.13	0.42	1.56	0.86	0.26	0.35	0.83	43.69
Anaesthetists	0.01	0.01							3.32			0.01	3.35
Dermatologists	0.39	0.52			0.01	0.12			0.03		0.07	0.20	1.34
General Surgeons	0.61	0.94	0.23	0.03	2.50	0.14	0.05	0.01		0.03	0.01	0.32	4.87
Urologists	0.26	0.07	0.03		0.55	0.02	0.01				0.01	0.26	1.21
Internists	2.83	1.13	0.92	0.03	0.12	0.01			0.01	0.03	0.12	1.55	6.75
Neurologists	0.43	0.03	0.04		0.02						0.02	0.02	0.56
Neurological Surgeons	0.06	0.01	0.03		0.34	0.01							0.45
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	0.46	0.75	0.07	0.01	0.75	0.05	0.01	1.41			0.05	0.35	3.91
Ophthalmologists	0.38	1.14	0.01		0.96	0.03						0.21	2.73
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	0.37	0.17	0.01		0.46	0.17						0.19	1.37
Orthopaedic Surgeons	0.52	0.24	0.05		1.34	0.02	0.01			0.03		0.07	2.28
Paediatricians	0.85	1.16	0.40	0.01		0.02				0.01	0.01	0.11	2.57
Psychiatrists	0.30	2.05	0.01									0.02	2.38
Plastic Surgeons	0.13	0.09	0.01		0.75	0.06	0.01					0.05	1.10
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	0.04	0.01	0.04									0.01	0.10
Thoracic Surgeons	0.03	0.01	0.01		0.49	0.01	0.01					0.01	0.57
Laboratory	0.01	0.07	0.01			0.01				3.89	15.24	1.54	20.77

NOTES: A. Only fee-for-service payments made to practitioners in Alberta are included.

B. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

MEDICAL SERVICES AND PAYMENTS PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE BY AGE AND SEX

For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 17

Type of Service \ Age Group		Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 and Older		All Age Groups	
		Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid
Consultations	M	572	$ 39,129	234	$ 13,471	167	$ 9,215	164	$ 8,449	216	$ 11,551	417	$ 24,160	742	$ 44,345	277	$ 15,677
	F	468	31,693	189	10,708	162	8,538	314	16,273	404	21,105	474	26,205	637	37,522	371	20,164
Office Visits	M	9,159	190,725	5,084	107,101	2,923	62,741	2,697	56,695	2,914	62,178	3,913	80,548	5,523	112,127	3,496	73,437
	F	8,462	176,910	4,707	99,116	3,013	63,708	5,270	113,084	5,350	115,746	5,363	113,193	5,694	116,164	5,033	107,108
Hospital Visits	M	3,809	72,158	627	14,321	233	6,001	275	6,755	303	6,167	1,029	16,113	4,730	66,193	807	13,913
	F	3,196	62,979	497	11,618	213	5,427	452	10,246	438	8,864	930	14,529	4,499	61,639	906	15,428
Special Visits	M	133	4,794	90	3,322	54	1,940	53	1,877	39	1,381	66	2,014	547	12,376	90	2,638
	F	115	4,292	78	2,891	49	1,747	51	1,826	46	1,569	73	2,249	804	17,659	124	3,347
Major Surgery	M	57	18,600	42	8,288	43	7,487	66	12,197	85	14,110	111	30,714	197	68,254	84	18,964
	F	30	10,801	30	5,393	36	5,966	63	12,607	109	22,428	133	31,976	162	52,978	92	21,178
Minor Surgery	M	325	14,136	150	6,796	126	5,423	168	6,033	118	4,221	110	3,830	115	4,503	133	5,043
	F	24	2,322	93	4,076	89	3,502	134	3,719	138	3,985	126	3,649	102	3,397	120	3,737
Surgical Assists	M	15	560	7	290	7	332	15	639	17	662	55	1,602	99	2,859	26	888
	F	8	245	5	161	6	282	27	1,332	48	2,110	55	1,797	71	2,169	37	1,489
Obstetrical Services	M																
	F							110	27,245	93	25,681	–	60			51	13,474
Anaesthesia	M	203	8,347	138	6,920	84	4,392	132	6,241	126	5,836	246	11,473	433	22,290	164	7,893
	F	125	4,855	101	4,929	74	3,837	202	11,254	263	14,168	264	12,306	302	16,015	214	11,188
Radiology Services	M	117	2,710	105	2,206	175	3,754	253	6,435	302	8,532	470	14,024	490	14,931	297	8,217
	F	121	2,975	87	1,829	151	3,350	238	6,980	337	11,420	617	20,774	575	17,922	338	10,722
Pathology Services	M	1,817	20,287	1,476	16,600	1,182	12,957	1,284	14,240	1,760	20,289	3,079	33,412	4,616	45,683	1,987	21,783
	F	1,697	18,689	1,677	17,801	1,529	16,475	5,452	55,272	5,618	60,654	5,155	57,079	5,813	59,285	4,584	48,753
Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services	M	216	4,495	500	2,809	857	3,670	616	4,428	594	7,225	968	22,032	1,362	33,218	740	10,081
	F	155	3,690	352	2,436	730	3,474	1,012	14,841	1,087	19,396	1,218	21,627	1,187	24,037	983	15,563
TOTAL	M	16,423	$375,941	8,453	$182,124	5,851	$117,912	5,723	$123,989	6,474	$142,152	10,464	$239,922	18,854	$426,779	8,101	$178,534
	F	14,401	319,451	7,816	160,958	6,052	116,306	13,325	274,679	13,931	307,126	14,408	305,444	19,846	408,787	12,853	272,151

–: Non-zero value.

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Special visits include routine home visits, emergency home visits and other home visits.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE MEDICAL PATIENTS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX
For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 18

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF PATIENTS		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1	18,254	17,070	35,324
1 – 4	86,047	81,134	167,181
5 – 14	157,628	149,379	307,007
15 – 24	168,997	211,644	380,641
25 – 44	329,724	393,381	723,105
45 – 64	160,343	174,253	334,596
65 & Older	82,570	103,052	185,622
TOTAL	1,003,563	1,129,913	2,133,476

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE PATIENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES
For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 19

Payment Range	Number of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Payments	% Distribution of Services
$ 0.01 – 10.00	7,561	0.36%	0.01%	0.04%
10.01 – 25.00	174,824	8.20%	0.63%	0.72%
25.01 – 50.00	243,715	11.42%	1.66%	1.82%
50.01 – 100.00	397,240	18.62%	5.31%	6.08%
100.01 – 200.00	494,819	23.19%	13.01%	15.34%
200.01 – 400.00	424,165	19.88%	21.80%	25.06%
400.01 – 600.00	175,436	8.22%	15.56%	16.03%
600.01 – 800.00	88,301	4.14%	11.07%	10.42%
800.01 – 1,000.00	48,470	2.27%	7.85%	6.86%
1,000.01 – 1,200.00	27,386	1.28%	5.43%	4.57%
1,200.01 – 1,400.00	16,173	0.76%	3.80%	3.12%
1,400.01 & Over	35,386	1.66%	13.87%	9.94%
TOTAL	2,133,476	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY REGION

TABLE 20

For the year ended March 31, 1986

Region	Grand Total		General Practitioners		Specialists	
	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments
I. Calgary	1,208	$153,743	616	$109,540	592	$199,737
II. Edmonton	1,549	155,794	828	105,163	721	213,938
III. Lethbridge	230	141,893	149	141,134	81	143,289
IV. Medicine Hat	72	178,621	41	140,478	31	229,069
V. Peace River	271	137,310	237	135,913	34	147,047
VI. Red Deer	224	135,192	169	129,410	55	152,960
TOTAL	3,554	$151,952	2,040	$115,403	1,514	$201,198

NOTES: A. The data relating to payments for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 21

Fee-For-Service Payments and Number of Services

For the years ended March 31

	Number of Services			Total Payments		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Medical	241,403	270,488	**342,238**	$6,889,434	$7,723,591	**$9,857,752**
Oral Surgery	124	135	**122**	19,330	19,061	**24,925**
Chiropractic	9,637	9,811	**13,882**	108,043	112,183	**159,527**
Optometry	1,347	1,241	**1,710**	31,306	29,054	**40,109**
Podiatry	357	300	**475**	7,732	6,903	**12,894**
Physical Therapy	2,337	2,901	**5,233**	33,747	42,111	**78,328**
TOTAL	255,205	284,876	**363,660**	$7,089,592	$7,932,903	**$10,173,535**

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
Distribution of Fee-For-Service Payments
And Number of Services by Province
For the year ended March 31, 1986

TABLE 22

	Medical		Oral Surgery		Chiropractic		Optometry		Podiatry		Physical Therapy		Total	
	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments
British Columbia	122,715	$3,308,314	67	$14,167	5,853	$ 67,591	704	$16,636	187	$ 4,537	3,697	$56,050	133,223	$3,467,295
Saskatchewan	60,573	1,399,227	8	2,174	925	10,655	324	7,682	3	139	89	1,237	61,922	1,421,114
Manitoba	14,180	323,551			661	7,251	75	1,771	1	16	38	685	14,955	333,274
Ontario	61,607	1,718,010	9	747	2,933	32,492	386	9,105	54	1,484	508	5,518	65,497	1,767,356
Quebec	5,452	141,728			229	2,680	50	980	10	718	40	681	5,781	146,787
New Brunswick	2,590	52,740			32	383	9	214	6	92			2,637	53,429
Nova Scotia	5,418	136,988	2	1,256	32	365	31	735			12	196	5,495	139,540
Prince Edward Island	834	15,946			25	310	1	24					860	16,280
Newfoundland	1,808	37,773			96	1,093	11	261			30	456	1,945	39,583
Northwest Territories and Yukon	2,645	72,879			23	279	3	71					2,671	73,229
United States	50,297	2,334,618	36	6,581	2,904	34,447	98	2,292	210	5,777	561	9,833	54,106	2,393,548
Rest of the World	14,119	315,978			169	1,981	18	338	4	131	258	3,672	14,568	322,100
TOTAL	342,238	$9,857,752	122	$24,925	13,882	$159,527	1,710	$40,109	475	$12,894	5,233	$78,328	363,660	$10,173,535

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 23

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1986

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Medical	$549,893,936	25,563,549	$ 21.51	1,036,538	$530.51	25	2,133,476	$257.75	12
Oral Surgery	13,840,547	67,602	204.74	33,506	413.08	2	34,615	399.84	2
Chiropractic	21,653,208	1,853,031	11.69	183,333	118.11	10	249,252	86.87	7
Optometry	9,141,383	384,981	23.75	284,580	32.12	1	373,508	24.47	1
Podiatry	2,938,545	126,967	23.14	37,931	77.47	3	40,637	72.31	3
Physical Therapy	15,019,140	2,811,306	5.34	96,563	155.54	29	103,460	145.17	27
All Benefits	$612,486,759	30,807,436	$ 19.88	1,056,133	$579.93	29	2,211,885	$276.91	14

NOTES: A. Included are Basic Health Services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL PAYMENTS AND SERVICES PER REGISTRATION AND PATIENT

TABLE 24

For the years ended June 30, 1976 and 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1986

Year	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration †	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient †	Number of Registered Persons
1976*	$141,416,209	13,741,946	$10.29	702,742	$201.23	20	1,534,948	$ 92.13	9	1,920,360
1977*	165,036,450	14,623,689	11.29	749,692	220.14	20	1,612,614	102.34	9	1,996,128
1978**	173,996,750	14,597,722	11.92	778,028	223.64	19	1,647,493	105.61	9	2,034,392
1979**	197,169,182	15,616,628	12.63	818,295	240.95	19	1,708,975	115.37	9	2,100,646
1980**	224,610,032	16,769,735	13.39	866,299	259.28	19	1,784,045	125.90	9	2,186,456
1981**	271,030,697	18,079,618	14.99	928,883	291.78	19	1,879,463	144.21	10	2,306,428
1982**	334,760,085	19,037,222	17.58	977,637	342.42	19	1,943,145	172.28	10	2,423,043
1983**	430,989,454	21,270,872	20.26	1,017,777	423.46	21	2,041,349	211.13	10	2,464,253
1984**	482,581,482	22,602,206	21.35	1,013,924	475.95	22	2,065,094	233.68	11	2,443,943
1985**	503,998,319	23,682,625	21.28	1,012,039	498.00	23	2,075,464	242.84	11	2,399,690
1986**	549,893,936	25,563,549	21.51	1,036,538	530.51	25	2,133,476	257.75	12	2,443,244
Percentage Change (%)	9.11	7.94	1.08	2.42	6.53	8.70	2.80	6.14	9.09	1.81
Annual Average Percentage Change (%)	14.95	6.57	7.86	4.07	10.45	2.32	3.43	11.13	2.99	2.50

* Year ended June 30.

** Year ended March 31.

† Rounded to the nearest whole number.

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

C. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

TABLE 25

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1986

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Dentists	$18,863,330	482,146	$ 39.12	54,083	$348.78	9	66,303	$284.50	7
Denturists	6,753,063	58,517	115.40	17,521	385.43	3	19,013	355.18	3
Optometrists	2,470,642	89,677	27.55	21,344	115.75	4	23,661	104.42	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	2,495,604	89,373	27.92	22,283	112.00	4	24,417	102.21	4
TOTAL	$30,582,639	719,713	$ 42.49	88,047	$347.34	8	111,003	$275.51	6

NOTES:

A. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants who were 65 years of age and older, and for their spouses and dependants; also for widows and widowers who were aged 55 and older but under age 65 and receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension (introduced May 1, 1983), and for their dependants.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

C. Included are Extended Health Benefits provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS
SELECTED INDICATORS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 26

	1984	1985	1986	Percentage Change 1985/1984	Percentage Change 1986/1985
Number of Registered Persons*	218,981	223,753	**232,096**	2.18%	**3.73%**
Number of Practitioners	1,557	1,605	**1,661**	3.08%	**3.49%**
Dentists	1,048	1,080	**1,121**	3.05%	**3.80%**
Denturists	135	144	**150**	6.67%	**4.17%**
Optometrists	179	182	**186**	1.68%	**2.20%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	195	199	**204**	2.05%	**2.51%**
Total Payments**	$23,561,159	$25,230,810	**$30,427,886**	7.09%	**20.60%**
Dentists	14,391,667	15,458,100	**18,758,332**	7.41%	**21.35%**
Denturists	5,297,663	5,476,097	**6,719,732**	3.37%	**22.71%**
Optometrists	1,999,587	2,152,054	**2,465,158**	7.62%	**14.55%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	1,872,242	2,144,559	**2,484,664**	14.54%	**15.86%**
Total Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 107,595	$ 112,762	**$ 131,100**	4.80%	**16.26%**
Total Services**	527,135	592,171	**716,608**	12.34%	**21.01%**
Dentists	339,830	391,226	**479,835**	15.12%	**22.65%**
Denturists	40,042	42,665	**58,249**	6.55%	**36.53%**
Optometrists	77,211	80,598	**89,508**	4.39%	**11.05%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	70,052	77,682	**89,016**	10.89%	**14.59%**
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	2,407	2,647	**3,088**	9.97%	**16.66%**
Average Payments	$ 15,132	$ 15,720	**$ 18,319**	3.89%	**16.53%**
Dentists	13,733	14,313	**16,734**	4.22%	**16.91%**
Denturists	39,242	38,028	**44,798**	-3.09%	**17.80%**
Optometrists	11,171	11,824	**13,254**	5.85%	**12.09%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	9,601	10,777	**12,180**	12.25%	**13.02%**
Discrete Patients***	93,109	98,660	**111,003**	5.96%	**12.51%**
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	60	61	**67**	1.67%	**9.84%**

* The number of registered persons as at March 31, 1985 includes registrants who were 65 years of age and older, and their spouses and dependants; also widows and widowers who were aged 55 and older but under age 65 and receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension (introduced May 1, 1983), and their dependants.

** Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

*** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS
PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

TABLE 27

Effective Date \ Discipline	Dentists	Denturists	Optometrists	Ophthalmic Dispensers
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1974	5.56	5.88	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47
January 1, 1979	7.00	36.00	7.00	7.00
July 1, 1979	Nil	8.00	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1980	10.50	7.00	8.50	8.50
January 1, 1981	11.60	11.00	38.30*	36.50*
January 1, 1982	18.70	12.00	13.00	13.00
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

* Effective January 1, 1981, the rate payable to optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers for new frames was increased from $7.30 to $30.00, while the rates payable for all other optometric benefits were increased by 11.00%. The overall increases in the Benefit Schedules for optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers were not the same due to differences in the utilization patterns of the two disciplines.

NOTE: The Extended Health Benefits Program was introduced on January 1, 1974

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Applications Reviewed
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 28

	Applications			Approved			Refused			Amount Paid					
										Medical Services			Hospital Services		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Required Services Not Available In Alberta	122	87	**125**	102	72	**110**	20	15	**15**	$278,530	$291,459	**$459,057**	$ 801,680	$748,394	**$1,323,855**
Emergency Services	16	17	**15**	15	12	**13**	1	5	**2**	45,859	17,019	**18,843**	244,896	36,671	**52,036**
TOTAL	138	104	**140**	117	84	**123**	21	20	**17**	$324,389	$308,478	**$477,900**	$1,046,576	$785,065	**$1,375,891**